

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lamp shade, comprising:

an outer structure having a generally continuous inner peripheral surface;

an inner structure disposed within the outer structure, the inner structure having an outer peripheral surface configured to cooperate with the inner peripheral surface of the outer structure to define an externally accessible volume therebetween, and further having an inner peripheral surface for surrounding a light source; and

a base for coupling the light source thereto and for coupling to at least one of the structures.

2. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the outer structure comprises:

a plurality of substantially planar vertical surfaces.

3. The lamp shade of claim 2, wherein the outer structure comprises:

at least three planar, rectangular surfaces, each surface being joined to each of two adjoining surfaces along each of its two vertical edges, respectively.

4. The lamp shade of claim 3, wherein the outer structure and the inner structure are formed with generally open bottoms.

5. The lamp shade of claim 4, wherein the outer structure and the inner structure are formed with generally open tops.

6. The lamp shade of claim 5, wherein the inner structure is configured substantially similar to the outer structure and is sized to define an externally accessible volume therebetween for removably receiving at least one sheet of printed matter therein through the outer structure open top.

7. The lamp shade of claim 6, wherein at least one planar surface of the inner structure has an opening formed therein to provide access to printed matter disposed within the externally accessible volume.

8. The lamp shade of claim 6, wherein the outer structure is formed from a transparent or a semi-transparent material.

9. The lamp shade of claim 8, wherein the outer structure is formed from a material selected from the group of materials comprised of plastics, glasses, ceramics, metals, woven fabrics, and any combination thereof.

10. The lamp shade of claim 8, wherein the outer structure is formed from acrylic.

11. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the base is further formed for mounting to a stand.

12. The lamp shade of claim 11, wherein the base is configured to allow airflow therethrough and through the inside of the inner structure.

13. The lamp shade of claim 6, wherein the base is formed as a substantially planar surface having a periphery configuration substantially corresponding to the bottom of the outer structure.

14. The lamp shade of claim 13, wherein the base is formed with a groove extending along the inside of its periphery to receive the outer structure therein.

15. The lamp shade of claim 11, wherein the base is formed from a material selected from the group of materials comprised of plastics, glasses, ceramics, metals, and any combination thereof.

16. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the outer structure and the inner structure are formed with generally open bottoms.

17. The lamp shade of claim 16, wherein the outer structure and the inner structure are formed with generally open tops.

18. The lamp shade of claim 17, wherein the base is configured with apertures therein to allow airflow therethrough and through the inside of the inner structure.

19. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the outer structure is formed from a transparent or a semi-transparent material.

20. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the inner structure is formed from a light transmissive material.

21. The lamp shade of claim 20, wherein the outer structure is formed from a material selected from the group of materials comprised of plastics, glasses, ceramics, metals, woven fabrics, and any combination thereof.

22. The lamp shade of claim 11, wherein the base is formed from a material selected from the group of materials comprised of

plastics, glasses, ceramics, metals, and any combination thereof.

23. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the outer structure comprises:

a substantially cylindrical vertical surface.

24. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the outer structure comprises:

a substantially frusto-conical vertical surface.

25. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the outer structure comprises:

a plurality of substantially planar angled surfaces.

26. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the base comprises:

a base for mounting one or more light bulbs thereto.

27. The lamp shade of claim 1, wherein the base comprises:

a surface for holding one or more candles.

28. A method for forming a lamp shade, comprising:

providing a base for coupling a light source thereto;  
coupling an outer structure to the base, the outer structure having a substantially continuous inner peripheral surface for surrounding the light source when coupled to the base;

selecting an inner structure wherein the inner structure has an outer peripheral surface configured to cooperate with the inner peripheral surface of the outer structure; and

disposing the inner structure within the outer structure so that the outer peripheral surface of the inner structure is spaced from the inner peripheral surface of the outer structure to define an externally accessible volume therebetween.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the outer structure comprises:

a plurality of substantially planar vertical surfaces.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the outer structure comprises:

at least three planar, rectangular surfaces, each surface being joined to each of two adjoining surfaces along each of its two vertical edges, respectively.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the outer structure and the inner structure are formed with generally open bottoms.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the outer structure and the inner structure are formed with generally open tops.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the inner structure is configured substantially similar to the outer structure and is sized to define an externally accessible volume therebetween for removably receiving at least one sheet of printed matter therein through the outer structure open top.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the planar surfaces of the inner structure have openings formed therein to provide access to printed matter disposed within the externally accessible volume.

35. The method of claim 33, wherein the outer structure is formed from a transparent or a semi-transparent material.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the outer structure is formed from a material selected from the group of materials comprised of plastics, glasses, ceramics, metals, woven fabrics, synthetics, composites, and any combination thereof.

37. The method of claim 35, wherein the outer structure is formed from acrylic.

38. The method of claim 32, further comprising:

disposing one or more objects within the externally accessible volume for display therein.

39. The method of claim 28, wherein the base is configured to allow airflow therethrough and through the inside of the inner structure.

40. The method of claim 33, wherein the base is formed as a substantially planar surface having a periphery configuration substantially corresponding to the bottom of the outer structure.

41. The method of claim 40, wherein coupling the outer and inner structures comprises:

disposing the outer and inner structures within a groove extending along the inside of the periphery of the base.



42. The method of claim 28, wherein the base is formed from a material selected from the group of materials comprised of plastics, glasses, ceramics, metals, synthetics, composites, and any combination thereof.

43. The method of claim 28, further comprising:

disposing one or more objects within the externally accessible volume for display therein.

44. A method for displaying objects, comprising:

disposing an inner structure around a light source, the inner structure having a generally continuous outer peripheral surface;

disposing an outer surface around the inner structure, the outer structure having a generally continuous inner peripheral surface spaced from the outer peripheral surface of the inner structure to define an externally accessible volume therebetween; and

disposing one or more objects within the externally accessible volume for display therein.

45. The method of claim 44, further comprising:

coupling the light source and the outer structure to a base.

46. The method of claim 45, further comprising:

mounting the base to a stand.

47. The method of claim 44, wherein the light source comprises:

one or more light bulbs.

48. The method of claim 44, wherein the light source comprises:

one or more candles.

49. The method of claim 44, wherein the one or more objects comprise:

one or more objects selected from the group of objects comprised of papers, plastics, glasses, metals, woven fabrics, yarns, woods, rocks, minerals, leaves, flowers, beads, crystals, collectibles, and any combination thereof.

50. The method of claim 44, wherein the one or more objects comprise:

one or more objects selected from the group of objects comprised of pictures, paintings, films, photo artwork, graphics, graphic artwork, and prints.